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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

CROWDER ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/975,642

Filed: October 10, 2001

Atty. File No.: 3123-380

For: "A METHOD FOR REDUCING
CORROSION OF A HEAD
ELEMENT DURING THE
MANUFACTURE OF A DISK
DRIVE" (as amended)

) Group Art Unit: 2651

) Examiner: 3729

) AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER
) FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 ON <u>March 21 2005</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.</p> <p>BY: <u>Loe R Brown</u></p>
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response After Final to address the Final Office Action having a mailing date of December 21, 2004 and to address the Advisory Action mailed March 10, 2005. In a telephone interview on March 16, 2005, the Examiner requested that Applicants resubmit the Amendment and Response After Final for reconsideration. Because a check in the amount of \$1,000 for the additional claims was previously presented with the Amendment and Response to December 21, 2004 Final Office Action (submitted on February 16, 2005), Applicants do not believe any fees are owed by resubmitting the same Amendment and Response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.